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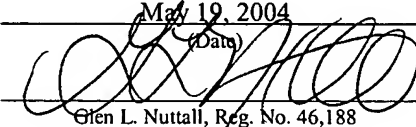
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Applicant(s) : Yong Hua Zhu, et al.
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Filed : July 7, 2003
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Group Art Unit : 3761

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with one (1) reference.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing one (1) reference that is also enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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